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ITEM NO: WH-1

DATE: 29 JULY 1974

SUBJECT: REPORTED BULGARIAN MILITARY DEPLOYMENT TO GREEK-TURKISH BORDER

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THE AMERICAN CONSUL IN THESSALONIKI

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A BULGARIAN UNIT OF APPROXIMATELY DIVISION SIZE MOVED INTO SVILENGRAD NEAR THE GREEK-TURKISH BORDER ON THE NIGHT OF JULY 28-29.

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A REPORT

JUST RECEIVED FROM THE USDAO IN SOFIA REPORTS THAT A US ATTACHE WAS IN THE SVILENGRAD AREA ON THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 27 AND DID NOT OBSERVE ANY MILITARY ACTIVITY.

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BULGARIAN REACTIONS TO DEVELOPMENTS IN CYPRUS THUS FAR HAVE BEEN RESTRAINED. BULGARIAN AIRCRAFT HAVE CONDUCTED RECONNAISSANCE

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FLIGHTS ALONG THE BORDER, WHILE SOME MILITARY UNITS WERE ALERTED AND OTHER APPARENTLY TOOK UP POSITIONS NEAR THE BORDER. WITH TWO OF SOFIA'S NEIGHBORS ON THE VERGE OF WAR SINCE JULY 15, BULGARIAN REACTIONS APPEAR WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF NORMAL PRECAUTIONARY MOVES.

SOME OF THE ALERTED BULGARIAN UNITS MAY HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATING IN FIELD EXERCISES. SMALL-SCALE EXERCISES TOOK PLACE THROUGHOUT BULGARIA DURING THE PERIOD OF JULY 24 TO 28. WESTERN ATTACHES TOURING BULGARIA, HOWEVER, HAVE NOT REPORTED UNUSUAL MILITARY MOVEMENTS.

WE ARE NOW TRYING TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS ANY FACTUAL BASIS FOR THE REPORT FROM THESSALONIKI [Redacted]

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